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Do you want to be S.M.A.R.T.?

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Save Money And Ride Together.

**That's right! Join the others: friends, neighbors,
co-workers — people like yourself — who have
discovered the S.M.A.R.T. way to commute.**

**By not having to drive
I can read my book or
just enjoy the scenery.**

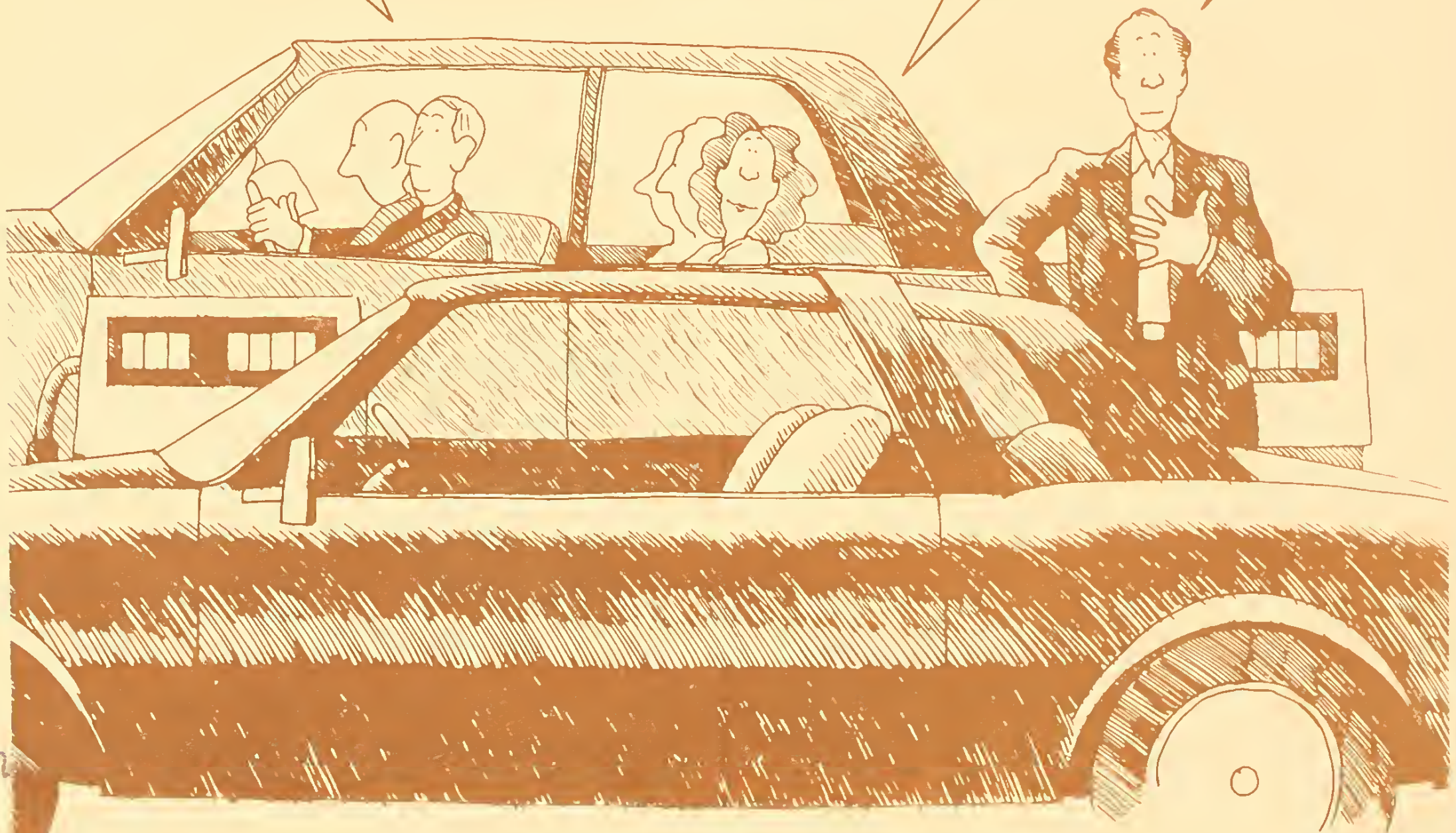
**I like to drive and my commuting
costs are a fraction of what
I paid when driving alone.**

**I hate driving alone and there's
no other form of public
transportation in our community.**

**Car pooling saves me money and I
can relax on the way to work.**

**Leaving my car at home more
reduces my auto insurance
and wear and tear on my car.**

**Sure, ride sharing is
O.K. for them
but not for me. . .**



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Can you? Figure it out!

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MONTHLY COMMUTING COSTS OF OWNING AND OPERATING A COMPACT CAR

ROUND TRIP MILES	DRIVING ALONE	CARPOOL	YOU SAVE
20	\$ 66.00	\$22.00	\$ 44.00
30	\$ 99.00	\$33.00	\$ 66.00
40	\$132.00	\$44.00	\$ 88.00
50	\$165.00	\$55.00	\$110.00

Estimates based on a three-person car pool. Mileage costs at 16 cents per mile include gas, oil and maintenance.

If you share a ride to work with just one other person you immediately cut your commuting costs in half. You will save even more by sharing a ride with several friends or co-workers. Don't you have better places to spend your money than at the gas pump?

I'd like to ride share, but . . .

"I need a car for errands." Okay, but could you still make ride sharing work for you by driving alone one day a week? You may find you can still do your errands and receive the benefits of ride sharing four days a week.

"It's too inconvenient having to drop everyone off at home in a car pool." Yes, it can be inconvenient, especially when riders in the car pool do not live close to one another. Some car pools solve this problem by meeting at a "park and ride spot." This is simply a place where they begin their ride share to work together. You may find a church lot or similar parking space a good place to meet.



Okay . . .
Maybe I should
share my ride
to work.
How do I start?

A good place to begin is by asking co-workers or neighbors if they want to share the benefits of ride sharing with you.

Another hint is to keep the car pool process simple by changing drivers weekly or monthly. Stick with it and soon everyone will begin seeing a real payoff in sharing a ride to work.



You bet.

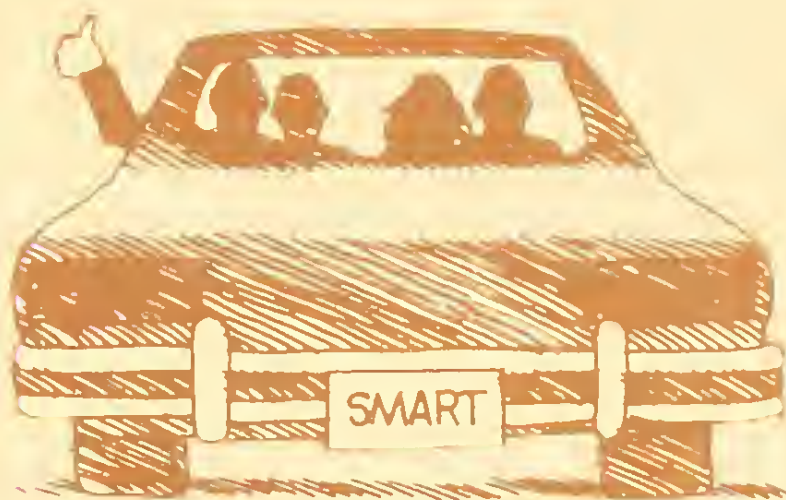
Car pooling is not the only way to go to work. Some drivers may be interested in forming a van pool for long commuting trips. Vans offer all the riding comforts you expect and the large carrying capacity can make van pool costs very low. Non-profit van pools are not regulated by the state. If you have a question about van pool regulations, write the Public Service Commission, Highway Building, Helena, MT 59624, or call 444-6199.

In addition, don't forget to look into your local city transit system. Some transit systems in Montana offer a lot of convenience, such as home pickup, at an affordable price.

Ride sharing to work is not only for big city folks who want to avoid parking problems, hectic driving conditions and the costs of long commuting distances. Montanans will find ride sharing just as attractive.

Ride sharing makes good "cents" for everyone.

**If you have any questions
about ride sharing
please call or write the
Energy Division, DNRC
32 South Ewing, Helena, MT 59620
444-6696**



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